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In the Name of Allâh
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“It is Allâh Who has created seven heavens and of the earth the like thereof (i.e. seven). His Command descends between them (heavens and earth), that you may know that Allâh has power over all things, and that Allâh surrounds all things in (His) Knowledge.”
(*Sûrat At-Talâq*, 65:12)

And

“Muhammad (ﷺ) is no more than a Messenger, and indeed (many) Messengers have passed away before him. If he dies or is killed, will you then turn back on your heels (as disbelievers)? And he who turns back on his heels, not the least harm will he do to Allâh; and Allâh will give reward to those who are grateful.”
(*Sûrat Âl- ‘Imrân*, 3:144)

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Who is Allâh and His Prophet is part of ‘For the Seeker of Truth’ series. For any seeker of truth, anywhere, it is incumbent to know where we came from and where we are going. Does the truth exist? In what form does it exist? How does it exist? The beginning of everything is with the Creator, Allâh. The creation that knew him best was Muhammad ﷺ. This booklet we hope, *In shâ’ Allâh*, will serve as a short introduction on this most serious of subjects.

We, at Darussalam, designed this series for new Muslims and Non-Muslims to try and give them a balanced overview of a very vast subject. When you begin the study of a huge body of material, it is important to understand the basics or fundamentals of your subject. It will always serve you well in your later studies. In His book, the Noble Qur’ân, Allâh has instructed all of us many times to seek knowledge. He mentions references to people of knowledge and understanding. In this day and age, when it seems more important to know what a man has rather than who he is. When it seems like, it is more important to be known as being smart than to be known as truthful. When one is respected more for knowing how to use someone else rather than understand him, in these times, we at Darussalam would like to support, in every way possible, those who consider themselves as Seekers of the Truth.

In this book wherever we have produced the Qur’ânic Verses, we quoted its reference by first writing the name of the *Sûrah* (chapter) and then its number, after which the number of the Verse is given.

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Who is Allâh?

Allâh is the proper name applied to the One True Divine God Who exists necessarily by Himself, Whose most beautiful Names describe His Divine Attributes. Allâh says:

“He is Allâh, beside Whom *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the King, the Holy, the One Free from all defects, the Giver of security, the Watcher over His creatures, the All-Mighty, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glory be to Allâh! (High is He) above all that they associate as partners with Him. He is Allâh, the Creator, the Inventor of all things, the Bestower of forms. To Him belong the Best Names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorify Him. And He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.” (*Sûrat Al-Hashr*, 59: 23,24)

Allâh is the One, the Sole, the Indivisible and Unique. He has neither a son nor a partner nor an equal. He is the Sole Creator and Sustainer of the universe. His Essence does not resemble any essence. He is not contained in anything, nor is anything contained in Him. “There is none like unto Him.”

Allâh says:

“Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): ‘He is Allâh, (the) One. *Allâh-us-Samad* [Allâh — the Self-Sufficient Master, Whom all creatures need, (He neither eats nor drinks)]. He begets not, nor was He begotten. And there is none co-equal or comparable unto Him.” (*Sûrat Al-Ikhlâs*, 112:1-4)

He is the Creator in Whose Hand is the disposal of all affairs, Allâh is the Omnipotent and the Omniscient.

Allâh says:

“The Originator of the heavens and the earth. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it : Be! — and it is.”

(*Sûrat Al-Baqarah*, 2:117)

There is none to resist His Command, or alter His Decision. He is the Merciful Whose Mercy encompasses everything.

The Prophet Mûsâ عليه السلام describes Allâh:

“You are the Most Merciful of those who show mercy.”
(*Sûrat Al-A‘râf*, 7:151)

Allâh says:

“My Mercy embraces all things.” (*Sûrat Al-A‘râf*, 7:156)

He is Wise in all His Actions and just in all His Decrees. His Justice ensures order in the universe in which nothing is out of order.

Allâh says:

“Allâh bears witness that *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He), and the angels, and those having knowledge (also give this witness); (He always) maintains His creation in justice. *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.” (*Sûrat Âl-‘Imrân*, 3:18)

There is no one to share His domain nor does He need an aide or supporter, let alone taking a son.

He is above the seven heavens, above His Throne, mounting in a manner that suits His Grandeur and Majesty.

Allâh says:

“Indeed, your Lord is Allâh, Who created the heavens and the earth in Six Days, and then He rose over (*Istawâ*) the Throne (really in a manner that suits His Majesty). He brings the night as a cover over the day, seeking it rapidly, and (He created) the sun, the moon, the stars subjected to His Command. Surely, His is the creation and commandment. Blessed is Allâh, the Lord of the ‘*Âlamîn*

(mankind, jinn and all that exists)!” (*Sûrat Al-A ‘râf*, 7:54)

“And He is Oft-Forgiving, full of love (towards the pious who are real true believers of Islâmic Monotheism), Owner of the Throne, the Glorious, (He is the) Doer of whatsoever He intends (or wills).” (*Sûrat Al-Burûj*, 85:14-16)

Allâh has revealed His Final Scripture, the Qur’ân, to the last of His Messengers, Muhammad ﷺ who was responsible for conveying the Message of Islam to mankind. Allâh says:

“Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): O mankind! Verily, I am sent to you all as the Messenger of Allâh — to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He). It is He Who gives life and causes death. So believe in Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ), the Prophet who can neither read nor write (i.e. Muhammad ﷺ), who believes in Allâh and His Words [(this Qur’ân), the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel) and also Allâh’s Word: “Be!” — and he was, i.e. ‘Îsâ (Jesus) son of Maryam (Mary), *عليهما السلام*], and follow him so that you may be guided.” (*Sûrat Al-A ‘râf*, 7:158)

He is the Exalted Allâh. Glory be to Him. He is far removed from every imperfection. Allâh says:

“Allâh! *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He), *Al-Hayyul-Qayyum* (the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists). Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him except with His Permission? He knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them in the Hereafter. And they will never compass anything of His Knowledge except that which He wills. His *Kursî* extends over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them. And He is the

Most High, the Most Great.” (*Sûrat Al-Baqarah*, 2:255)

Allâh is the Lord, the Creator, the Sovereign and the Manager of all affairs. He is the true God and all the other deities are false. He is one and unique. He has no associate in His Divinity, His Godship, His Goodship, His Names or His Attributes, Allâh Says:

“Lord of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, so worship Him (Alone) and be constant and patient in His worship. Do you know of any who is similar to Him? (of course none is similar or co-equal or comparable to Him, and He has none as partner with Him). [There is nothing like Him and He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer]. (*Sûrat Maryam*, 19:65)

Allâh is everlasting, Self-Subsisting, the Sustainer. He is the Omniscient, Whose knowledge comprehends in the most perfect manner all things, hidden or open, the small and the great:

“And whether you keep your talk secret or disclose it, verily, He is the All-Knower of what is in the breasts (of men). Should not He Who has created know? And He is the Most Kind and Courteous (to His slaves), All-Aware (of everything).” (*Sûrat Al-Mulk*, 67:13-4)

Nothing is absent from His knowledge, nor anything is hidden from Him even if it be the weight of the smallest ant (10:61). Whether at rest or in motion, the state of things is known to Him prior to and during its occurrence. His is neither “unaware nor forgets.” (*Sûrat Tâ-Hâ*, 20:52)

Allâh is the Compassionate, the Merciful Whose mercy encompasses all things. He is far removed from injustice or tyranny.

“And not one will your Lord treat with injustice.” (*Sûrat Al-Kahf*, 18:49)

“Verily Allâh wrongs not mankind in aught, but mankind wrong themselves.” (*Sûrat Yûnus*, 10:44)

There is nothing to frustrate His Power or ability to accomplish anything; if He wants something, He simply says "Be!" and it is:

"Nor is Allâh to be frustrated by anything whatever in the heavens or on earth: for Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Powerful." (*Sûrat Fâtir*, 35:44)

The preservation of the heavens and the earth does by no means burden Him:

"His Throne does extend over the heavens and the earth, and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them for He is the Most High, the Supreme [in glory]." (*Sûrat Al-Baqarah*, 2:255)

He is the Living and the Everlasting, Neither Slumber nor sleep seize Him. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth:

"He creates what He pleases. He gives, to whom He wills, females, and He gives, to whom He wills, males, or He couples them, males and females; and He makes whom He wills barren. Surely, He is the knowing, the Powerful." (*Sûrat Ash-Shûra*, 42:49-50)

He is the Knower of the seen and the unseen.

There is no creature that moves in the earth but its provision depends on Allâh. He knows its dwelling and its resting place:

"He alone has the Knowledge of the Hour, sends down rain and knows what is in the wombs. No soul knows what it shall earn tomorrow, and no souls knows in which land it shall die. Surely, Allâh is All-Knowing, All-Aware." (*Sûrat Luqmân*, 31:34)

His words are the most truthful in conveying information, the most just in ruling, and the fairest in conversation:

"The Word of your Lord has been fulfilled in truth and justice." (*Sûrat Al-An'âm*, 6:115)

He is well above His creatures in His Person and His Attributes because He says about Himself:

"He is the High, the Great." (*Sûrat Al-Baqarah*, 2:220)

"He is supreme over His servants, and He is the Wise, the All-Aware." (*Sûrat Al-An'âm*, 6:18)

His Signs are everywhere and He draws our attention in many verses of the Qur'ân to contemplate them and realize His Lordship and thus turn to Him and worship Him:

"And among His Signs is this, that He created you (Adam) from dust, and then [Hawwâ' (Eve) from Adam's rib, and then his offspring from the semen, and] — behold you are human beings scattered! And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect. And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge. And among His Signs is your sleep by night and by day, and your seeking of His Bounty. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who listen. And among His Signs is that He shows you the lightning, for fear and for hope, and He sends down water (rain) from the sky, and therewith revives the earth after its death. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who understand. And among His Signs is that the heaven and the earth stand by His Command. Then afterwards when He will call you by a single call, behold, you will come out from the earth (i.e., from your graves for reckoning and recompense). To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. All are obedient to Him." (*Sûrat Ar-Rûm*, 30:20-26)

"He has created the heavens without any pillars that you see, and has set on the earth firm mountains lest it should